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## GANDHI SLAIN BY HINDU AT PRAYER MEETING

## On All Counts By Trial Board

Fire Chief's Account Of Rotation System Called Convincing

By Newbold Noyes, Jr.

today was acquitted on all counts route to Bermuda. "demoralization" charges A dispatch from Bermuda said wreckage. against him. The decision of the British South American Airways trial board was unanimous. Board Chairman Austin F. Canfield, the wreckage.

"competent leader." ciency and the charge of unfitness

fered by a loss of morale." decision was loudly ap- 10 o'clock last night when it was plauded by an audience—mostly composed of firemen-which packed the trial board hearing room at the Municipal Center Building.

Chief Is Congratulated. Chief Murphy, who had listened of Parliament Vote impassively during the reading of the board's decision, smiled happily as he received the congratulations of his men when the hearing Note Withdrawa

The board, which is advisory to the Commissioners, declared Chief Murphy had given a "clear and convincing" explanation of his "rotation system" of personnel transfers. A charge that poor administration of this system had lowered the fire department's morale was described by the board as "the real issue be-

The rotation system charge was the last of nine specific accusations in the indictment of the fire chief. Two of the other specifications charged the chief with being intoxicated on duty. Five dealt with incidents in which he allegedly used rough language to his men. One accused him of misusing a rescue

squad ambulance.

Consultations Recommended. Having cleared the fire chief, that every one holding the 5,000the board proceeded in its opinion franc notes will be repaid. The anto recommend that he sit down with dissident members of his dewith dissident members of his de-partment and iron out differences not "an expropriation." An official source had indicated yesterday that

promptly in an effort to arrive at what we hope will be a complete accord for the benefit not only of the fire department but the fire department, but to every resident of the District," the board tic money program cleared another measures, Mr. Kennedy said.

his two colleagues on the special franc note as legal tender. panel-William P. McCracken, jr., a lawyer, and Joseph A. Wilner, a

Deliberated Day and a Half. ating a day and a half, but delayed gram.

10:30 a.m. today. board indicated in its opinion that francs to the dollar. it thought the most serious charge "There is not and will not be any cated last February at a multiple- istry announced. alarm fire in a beauty shop at Another administration bill, to eries were Fifteenth and L streets N.W.

"The board states emphatically that if the evidence had justified a finding that the respondent was intoxicated as charged it would have recommended his removal from office," the opinion said. "On the other hand, the board is convinced that the charge on this specification was not sustained, and we, therefore, find the defendant not guilty."

On each count the opinion presented a detailed review of the evidence and an explanation of the

Robust Language Tolerated. Mr. Canfield and his colleagues were outspoken in their judgment that Chief Murphy could not be condemned for having used roughsometimes profane—language to his subordinates on occasion, although Fire Department regulations forbid such language. Testifying in his own behalf during the trial, the fire chief had substantially admitted the (See MURPHY, Page A-3.)

#### Sunday Reading . . .

Organized labor's frozen attitude toward Congress shows signs of thawing for the first time since passage of the Taft-Hartley Act. The reason is a legislative move toward setting up a labor extension service, which might prove beneficial to 40,000,000 workers-just as the Agricultural Extension Service has aided farmers. George H. Hall, writing in Sunday's Editorial Section, explains why the unions have warmed up to

this new labor measure. A special article from the Memoirs of Cordell Hull also appears in the Editorial Sec-

These features and many more, plus the colorful Pictorial Magazine and special pages and columns on the new books, photography, sports, art, society, music, etc., round out the usual thorough and accurate news content of

The Sunday Star

## Murphy Cleared Coningham, British Marshal, Aboard Plane Missing at Sea

28 Others on Craft Overdue Many Hours On Way to Bermuda

By the Associated Press LONDON, Jan. 30.—Sir Arthur Coningham, wartime air mar- 30.—United States Air Force shall of the Royal Air Force, is headquarters reported today the believed to have been lost with sighting of plane wreckage in the lower French Alps and said 28 other persons today aboard a another plane, presumably a Fire Chief Clement Murphy British commercial plane en B-17 in the search party, had

'We think from the record be- and Delaware Bay after receiving fore us that the charge of ineffi- reports a low-flying plane had been sighted in the area at 2 a.m. (EST). Two cutters from Wilmington, for holding public office have not been sustained," the board wrote. "We do not find that the men or planes from Floyd Bennet Field wrote of the control of the department as a whole have sufplane has been unreported since

(See BRITISH PLANE, Page A-5.)

# **Both French Houses**

Schuman Also Victorious As Assembly Overrides Commission on Gold

PARIS (P).—The National Assembly approved tonight a government measure to permit free trade in gold. It permits Frenchmen with hidden assets at home or abroad to declare them on paying a 25 per cent

By the Associated Press

PARIS, Jan. 30.—Both houses On all of these counts, the board of France's Legislature approved found that the prosecution had today the government's bill "failed to sustain the burden of withdrawing all 5,000-franc notes District was not yet "over the hump" from circulation.

The Finance Ministry announced "We urge both sides to meet some of the bills might be confis-

Premier Robert Schuman's drashurdle when the Council of the Re-Sitting on each side of Mr. Can- public ratified by a vote of 167 to stock on hand, but said "everybody field as he read the opinion were 126 the bill abolishing the 5,000-

Vote Follows All-Night Debate. The three men reached their ver- staked the life of his two-month- from customers of L. P. Steuart &

announcement of the decision until About 66,000,000 of the 5,000-franc

notes were in circulation, valued at Next to the rotation issue, the \$1,540,000,000 at the new rate of 214

> free the gold market, hopped a pre-(See FRANCE, Page A-5.)

#### **Bulletins**

Fire Hits Piano Store

A fire, accompanied by a small explosion, in the store of the Colonial Piano Co., 1104 Ninth street N.W., this afternoon did damage estimated at \$8,000 by the owner, T. I. Crockett. Approximately 40 pianos in the establishment

for repair were damaged. Olympic Hockey Canceled ST. MORITZ, Switzerland (AP).—The International Olympic Committee announced tonight that ice hockey has been cancelled from the fifth winter games which got under way today, beneath a cloud created by the hockey controversy involving rival factions from the United States. (Earlier Story, Sports Section.)

#### **B-17 Explodes Near** Wreckage of DC-3 In French Alps

By the Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. crashed 20 miles east of the

the special three-man civilian Tudor was reported to have crashed a DC-3 transport which disappeared big money bill of the 1948 ses-440 miles northeast of Bermuda and Tuesday while en route from France sion today with a 6 per cent cut In a 14-page opinion, read by seven search planes were looking for to Italy. It carried three American in President Truman's spending Board Chairman Austin F. Canneld, In New York the Coast Guard of American soldiers in the Trieste of American soldiers in the Trieste fices.

The wreckage of this twin-engined craft was sighted 12 miles northwest of Digne, France, the Air Force neadquarters at Wiesbaden reported. One of the pilots in the search party said he had seen the second

(See ALPS CRASH, Page A-5.)

### More Fuel Oil on Way Here After Arrival Of Million Gallons

Three Barges Await Help Of Icebreakers; Public Warned to Conserve

LIGHT SNOW SEEN possibility tonight with low of 10. Page A-5

ington today with the prospective arrival of oil in barges on the Potomac to augment more than one million gallons received yesterday.

But Fuel Oil Co-ordinator J. Thomas Kennedy warned that the and advised consumers they must continue to help by cutting their quotas 15 per cent.

At least three barges of oil were said to be wallowing in the icechoked Potomac, waiting help from three Coast Guard boats serving as

The extreme emergency should ease off early in February, when new monthly allotments begin arriving, provided the river remains navigable

and oil users adhere to conservation He had no definite figures on the

is getting oil.' Emergency Calls Continue.

Earlier the National Assembly ap- receive calls from persons unable proved the bill 308 to 288 after an to get oil through regular dealers. all-night debate. The Premier had The workers said most calls came dict at noon yesterday after deliber- old coalition cabinet on his pro- Bro., a distributor alloted oil from the emergency pool yesterday when his source of supply was cut off. The Steuart concern, which serves 7.000 or 22 per cent of the area homes, found it impossible to keep up with the flood of orders today. against the fire chief was one ac- withdrawal of other notes of the A company officer said an intensive cusing him of having been intoxi- Bank of France," the Finance Min- effort was being made to care for all hardship cases and that delivbeing made "around

the orders in a day's time, the offi-

Naval Oil Due. The Steuart stocks will be replenished, probably late tomorrow or Sunday morning, with the arrival of 735,000 gallons from the Navy station at Craney Island, near said the barge of Diesel oil left there this morning.

The District's emergency pool, (See FUEL OIL, Page A-5.)

Two Bankers Acquitted RICHMOND, Va. (AP).-Two Virginia bank presidents— Clarence L. Robey, Purcellville, and Joseph E. Proffitt, Floyd County-today were acquitted of charges they aided and abetted in misapplication of funds of a Fredericksburg bank. Hugh N. Rakes, Leesburg, was sentenced to three years and a \$10,000 fine in what the Government conwhat the Government con-tended was a vast check-kiting Acting Postmaster

### Americans Fighting in Palestine Bell, assistant postmaster for the Washington City Postoffice, as acting postmaster was appropried today. Such a reduction, Mr. Truman declared, would make it a relief and not a recovery program. Will Be Deprived of Passports

turn them only after the Americans activities. arrange to return home, the Ameritonight.

tine will not be entitled to the pro- not granted to American citizens for mained in that capacity until tection of their government, since the purpose of proceeding abroad August 16, 1934 when he was named they will not be recognized as cit- to enter foreign military service. \* \* \* superintendent of the Columbia

The consular statement said: the GI bill of rights, have identified citizens."

"The American consulate general appointed a substitute clerk in the can consulate general announced has been instructed to announce the Washington office on August 19, view of the United States Govern- 1920. He was appointed a regular Any Americans fighting in Pales- ment that American passports are clerk on September 1, 1920, and re-

"The American consulate general Road Substation. has therefore been instructed by the He was made foreman in the main "The United States Government Department of State to take up the Washington office on June 1, 1935; has informed the American con- passports of those American citizens assistant superintendent of mails cating some American citizens, in-cluding some American veterans service Americans will not be re-tember 1, 1943. who are studying in Palestine under garded as entitled to recognition as He is married and resides in Al-

## Truman's Funds For Emergencies Slashed 30 Pct.

**House Group Cuts** Independent Offices Estimates 6 Pct.

\$500,000 FUND recommended for D. C. Hospital Center. Page A-3

By the Associated Press The House Appropriations The first plane was believed to be Committee brought in the first women and five children, dependents estimates for independent of-

> Among other things, the committee reduced the President's own emergency fund from \$1,000,000 to \$700,000. It said he has been using it for things which "cannot be classified on any reasonable basis'

plane crash and explode. It appeared to him to be a Flying Fortress.

The Air Force announced the presidential office and 22 other Government agencies for the fiscal year starting July 1. The committee rec-ommended a total of \$991,583,551. The President's estimate, through the Budget Bureau, was \$1,047,-

The committee cut \$100,000 from the \$400,000 requested for the President's Council of Economic Ad-

\$504,000 Item Deleted. which might make it necessary to draft men into the Army again. The committee said it does not believe that draft training by the office of selective service records is "warranted" at this time.

Explaining the cut in the President's emergency fund, the commitoil shortage was assured Wash- "provide for emergencies affecting the national security." It said the money should not be

#### Few Face Job Loss Under Independent Agencies Fund Bill

The Government's independent agencies will suffer only minor personnel cuts under the appropriations bill reported to the House today. The Office of Selective Service Records faces a cut of about 100 workers; Budget Bureau, 12; Council of Economic Advisers, 4, and Indian Claims Division, 5.

The Civil Service Commission was granted funds to hire 1.126 new employes for the lovalty program. Increases in salary items for the commission and several other agencies will permit employment of more than 1,000 new workers in Washington, officials estimated.

Mr. Kennedy's office continued to spent to establish "boards or commissions" or for other non-emer- Are Sure to Be Cut gency uses to which similar funds have been put "during 1948 and in revious years."
The \$700,000 recommended was Despite Truman Plea On Tax Bill Monday previous years."

still \$200,000 more than the President got last year. Cut for Advisers Explained.

As for the 25 per cent slice off what Mr. Truman wanted for his economic advisers, the committee

"It appears that practically all of the information which the council off President Truman's new ap- debate on tax reduction run two tion within the District, with the has used has been developed by peal for a flat \$6,800,000,000 to hours longer on Monday, amid resultant loss of tax revenue from "Bapu is dead." company from catching up with and could have been made available start the European Recovery indications that Democratic such projects." in useful form directly to the Pres- Program. ident by the agency originating it."

> larger agencies: \$6,142,312 asked, \$5,589,312 recom- statement changes the situation." mended, cut \$553,000.

mended, cut \$44,304.000. Federal Communications Commis- really does want." sion, \$6,540,000 asked, \$6,300,000 recommended, cut \$240,000. Federal Power Commission, \$4,- doesn't mean I'm going into it blind-220,000 asked, \$4,049,550 recom-

ended, cut \$170,540. FTC Funds Reduced. Federal Trade Commission, \$3, 975,000 asked, \$3,478,035 recommended, cut \$496,965.

Federal Works Agency, \$529,454,-554 asked, \$525,863,944 recommended, cut \$3,590,610. (\$459,588,854 of the See APPROPRIATIONS, Pg. A-5.)

## Gordon Bell Named

The designation of W. Gordon by Postmaster General Donaldson. by appointment of Vincent C. Burke any bill which authorizes less than themselves with armed groups in as First Assistant Postmaster Gen- the administration asked. He said left-handed pitchers in baseball JERUSALEM, Jan. 30. — The this country and have participated eral, pending action on a permanent United States will take up the pass-lated to the present disturbances in tomorrow at midnight if the Senate ports of any American citizens Palestine. Three American citizens confirms Mr. Burke, as expected. found fighting in Palestine, and re- have been reported killed in such Mr. Bell has been in the Postal service nearly 28 years, having been

invited to tune in the educa-

sulate general in Jerusalem that it who are serving in a military capac- March 16, 1936; superintendent on has noted press statements indi- ity in Palestine and, in addition, to September 1, 1940, and finally re-



CHIEF JUSTICE GRONER.

(See GRONER, Page A-2.)

Two Hours of Debate

**Democrats May Delay** 

**Decision on Substitute** 

By J. A. O'Leary

**Proposal Until Then** 

tion taxes.

a showdown is near.

## Justice D. L. Groner to Retire; It threw out a \$504,000 item to get ready for any possible emergency Harold Stephens to Take Place By Realfors to Seek

Judge Proctor Due To Get Vacancy on Appeals Bench

Temporary relief from the fuel dent's emergency rund, the constant of the United States Court of Appeals will retire Monday and be succeeded by Associate Justice Harold M. Stephens, it was learned in an authoritative quarter this afternoon.

District Court Justice James M Proctor is slated to get the appellate judgeship. Chief Justice Groner saw President Truman this morning and is supposed at that time to have told of his intention to leave the bench on

which he has served for nearly 17 The justice said only that he had made "a courtesy call" at the White

It is expected that formal announcement of the shifts will be made shortly and that the nominations for the promotion of Justice Stephens and Justice Proctor will go lawyer, United States attorney, a proved" by his office. forward to the Senate late today Federal district judge, a jurist on the Chief Justice Groner's retirement

# Taft Says ERP Funds House Agrees to Add

Senate Leaders Brush Off Appeal for 6.8 Billion To Start Program

Senate leaders today brushed

As drawn by the committee, the the amount," said Senator Taft, Re- offer for the \$6,500,000,000 Re- country, construction of 1,316 rental bill carries these funds for the publican, of Ohio, chairman of the publican tax slash. Senate Republican Policy Commit-

Executive Office of the President, tee. "I don't think the President's Chairman Bridges of the Senate Civil Service Commission, \$287,- Appropriations Committee said his Norfolk. A dispatch from Norfolk 598,098 asked, \$243,294,098 recom- group still is trying to "get down to the facts of what the President

Senator Brodges said he is not opposing the recovery plan "but that folded."

All or Nothing Asked. The President told his news con-

ference yesterday that he wants all of the Marshall Plan or nothing. Under questioning, he said he was referring mainly to the four uninterrupted years of assistance for Western Europe which the program proposes. He emphasized, however, that he

thinks the full \$6,800,000,000 asked

for the 15 months beginning April 1

is absolutely essential. He said he is opposed to what he said were Republican suggestions for trimming it by \$2,300,000,000. Such a reduction, Mr. Truman whether his all-or-nothing state-

Mr. Bell will fill the vacancy left ment means that he would reject (See FOREIGN AID, Page A-5.)

> 'Star Goes to Press' Tonight on Television The television audience is

tional film "The Star Goes to Press" on Station WMAL-TV at 8 o'clock tonight. The movie portrays a detailed picture story of the editorial and mechanical work that goes into the production and distribution of each edi-

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tion of The Star.

## **Commissioners Urged End of Rent Control** Elimination of Curb Seen

To Cure Housing Crisis The Washington Real Estate cian who was in the prayer meeting

elimination of rent control in the came within a few minutes, but the the housing shortage. F. Moran McConihe, board president, was the first witness to appear as the Commissioners opened hearings on the extension of the

Taking issue with the Real Estate Board was Robert Cogswell, District has been rumored for some time, as owners converting part of their he has not been in good health.

Chief Justice Groner, during his ing under the thought that anything long career, has been successively a the traffic can bear should be ap-

"I sometimes have to cut in half United States Court of Appeals here the rent asked by people who apply for apartment rent ceilings in private houses," Mr. Cogswell declared.

> Mr. Cogswell said the situation still is critical as far as apartments and single family dwellings are consome improvement in the rooming house situation to the extent that people do not have to grab the first

try, said this has "resulted in a very The House agreed today to let serious loss in rental unit construc-

leaders may not decide until He said that from last July to De- Gandhi, meaning father. To mil-"There will certainly be a cut in then what substitute they will cember, when Federal restrictions lions of his followers, he was known were relaxed for the rest of the as Mahatma, or great-souled one. units were approved in the District Although Democratic floor man- with a value of approximately \$4,taxes along with a modified version thorized with a value of approxiof the Republican tax cuts for indi- mately \$22,125,000, he added.

(See TAXES, Page A-4.) (See RENT CONTROL, Page A-4.)

# By McConihe as Only Way

Board today urged the District crowd, pronounced Gandhi dead Commissioners to recommend shortly after the shooting. Death

Rent Control Act. The act expires March 31 although a pending House would extend it for another year rent administrator, who said that

Situation Still Critical,

room they see. Room space in hotels also has improved slightly, he

of the Republican tax cuts for individuals, it was learned today that some of the Southern Democrats are vestor will undertake the tremendous some of the Southern Democrats are vestor will undertake the tremendous Seized Assassin location in which he is assured of of a free market," he declared. North Carolina, a leading Demo-Mr. McConihe said there was a cratic advocate of some tax reduc- great need here for two and three Stimson, BBC correspondent, tion, probably will not take the floor bedroom apartments, but that witnessed the assassination of in the debate until Monday, when builders could not afford to erect Mohandas Gandhi.

Mr. Doughton has a tax reduction By noon nearly 20 organizations

## Pennock, Former Star Pitcher, Dies of Cerebral Hemorrhage

Phillies Official, 54, Stricken on Way to League Meeting

Representative Doughton.

By the Associated Press NEW YORK, Jan. 30.-Herb Pennock, one of the greatest history, died today following a cerebral hemorrhage.

The slim, gray-haired former athlete, who pitched five world series victories without ever losing a game. would have been 54 February 19. Pennock, general manager of the Philadelphia Phils of the National League, collapsed as he entered the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel for a league meeting. He died an hour later.

Pennock, one of the few ever to jump directly into major leagues was discovered by Connie Mack in was released on waivers to the Boston Red Sox in 1915. Mack has said that was his greatest mistake in baseball. The pitcher later won great fame with the New York

During his 22-year career in the morning the condition of Grand Mright, 76-year-old aviation pioner, had taken a turn for the worse during the night and now was critical.



1912. He was signed to pitch for Yankees and was star of their sixthe Athletics at the age of 18, but world series teams of 1923 to 1932. Valley Hospital announced this

## Assassin Held; **Rioting Breaks Out in Bombay**

Three Shots Fired by Attacker in New Delhi Industrialist's Home

(Gandhi Obituary on Page A-4.) By the Associated Press

NEW DELHI, Jan. 30 .- A Hindu tonight shot to death Mohandas K. Gandhi, 78-year-old apostle of nonviolence and father of Indian independence.

Police said the frail spiritual lead. er of India's hundreds of millions of Hindus was killed for "political reasons-because some persons did not agree with his appeals against

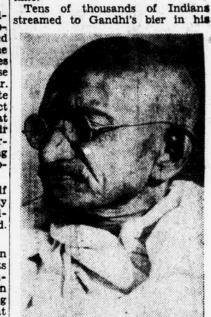
Widespread looting, arson and stabbings started in Bombay tonight wo hours after news of the assassination spread.

Police fired many times into Hindu and Moslem rioters in the Nill Bazaar, in Central Bombay. Twenty-four persons were admitted to hospitals with stabbing of

Walking to Prayer Meeting. Gandhi was walking to his prayer neeting grounds, on the lawn of the Birla mansion, to appeal again for n end of comunal violence. Three nots rang out at close range. One ound his heart. Death came quickly o his emaciated body, wasted in a recent fast in the cause of peace amid the rival religious sects of India and Pakistan. The assassin was held incommun-

cado. Police said he was a civilian from Poona, although he was wearing army clothes. Earlier this month a bomb had exploded near the spot where Gandhi was holding his prayer meeting. Dr. G. L. Qamara, a Hindu physi-

District as the only way to cure the housing shortege



MOHANDAS K. GANDHI.

housing in the District is subject to quarters in the palatial residence of rent control while controls have long had supported Gardin the palatial residence of the palatial been relaxed in the rest of the counpassed sadly in single file.

Known as Mahatma Sobbing bitterly, Gandhi's per-

"Bapu is dead." Bapu is the affectionate name for A crowd of several hundred per-

### (See GANDHI, Page A-4.) Although Democratic floor managers are understood to have in mind offering President Truman's The Metropolitan Area outside of the District 3.700 rental units were au-**Aides of Gandhi**

LONDON, Jan. 30 .- Robert

"The shots did not sound very loud—they reminded me of fire. crackers. When they were fired, Gandhi fell back. 'Immediately after this I saw some of Gandhi's entourage grappling with a heavy set man in a khaki bush coat. He had blood on him,

He cabled these impressions:

no doubt from wounds inflicted by his assailants." "Gandhi was picked up by some of his followers and carried into Birla House, where he was taken into a back room," Mr. Stimson said. Suddenly realization of what had happened swept through the crowd and a terrific cry of grief arose.

"The crowd of four or five hundred people waited with a grief most moving to see," Mr. Stimson "Men and women wept and beat Gandhi had arrived a few min-

utes late for his prayer meeting, But when he walked across the lawn from Birla House, Mr. Stimson said, "he was looking healthier and sprightlier than he had since his

Physician Says Wright's Condition Is Critical DAYTON, Ohio, Jan. 30.-Miams

During his 22-year career in the morning the condition of Orville